

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, Mrs A Clark, F Coulse, S Dear, Mrs J Mason, Ms A McCourt, Mr J Oxley, J P Vickers, K Vickers and Mrs W Witter

Also Present: Mr S Leonard (Scunthorpe Telegraph Representative), Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk)

307. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then sought resolution from members present, for the meeting to be temporarily suspended whilst the town prayer was read. This was proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor F Coulse. It was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor Mrs W Witter read out the town prayer.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Oxley, re-opened the meeting.

308. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

309. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors M Burman (work), T Chant (hospital), J Evison (work), T Marron (work), M Martin (personal commitment), Mrs D Pearson (unwell), P Shearer (work) and P Thornton (personal commitment).

310. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Assembly Rooms – Councillor F Coulse (Personal Interest)

Barton Lions – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Lions, Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Civic Society – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

Barton Chamber of Trade – Councillor K Vickers (Personal Interest)

CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal Interest)

311. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported the Travellers have now moved out of the town. North Lincolnshire Council was thanked for the help and assistance sorting this matter.

Resolved that this be noted.

312. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 5 February 2014**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5

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February 2014, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

313. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Reserves balance** (Min Ref: 287/105)

Councillor K Vickers asked if the council office could clarify from our Legal Advisors the amount legally required in reserves, for further report.

Resolved that the clerk to clarify the amount legally required in reserves for further report.

(b) **Attendance** (Min Ref:- 285(a)/104)

It was noted that Councillor Mrs W Witter had left the meeting as she was unwell.

Resolved that this be noted.

314. **Other Meeting Minutes**

a) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2014 be approved as a correct record.

b) **Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on 28 February 2014 be approved as a correct record.

315. **Correspondence**

1. Notification from Mr James Austin tendering his resignation from Barton Town Council Park Ward (*North Lincolnshire Council Electoral Department have been informed & the vacancy advertised*).
2. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Building Control of House naming at 89 Ferriby Road, Barton. The house name is now 'Celebration'.
3. Receipt of agenda and minutes from the Barton Tourism Group meeting held on 18 February 2014, along with visitor figures for the Barton website from 19 January – 18 February 2014.
4. Notification from CPRE of a day's conference on 'Fracking' at the Ropewalk, Barton to be held on Saturday 12 July 2014, 10.00am – 3.00pm at £15 per ticket, including refreshments.
5. Notification from ERNLLCA that the National Audit and Accounts Advisor has given notice that section 150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, that requires all cheques or other payable orders to be signed by two councillors is in the process of being repealed. Further advice will be passed on when known.
6. Update regarding Northern Lincolnshire receiving fibre Broadband upgrade should be happening between April 2014 and June 2015 (*copy of the newsletter is available from the council office*).
7. Letter of concern from Barton Chamber of Trade regarding the condition of two derelict looking shop properties in the town centre, the old pizza shop in Market Place and the old Co-op shop in George Street. They ask if the town council would support them by writing to North Lincolnshire Council.

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8. Notification from VANL that they would be able to assist the town council with DBS checks. Enhanced checks cost £57 each and basic checks £20 (Min Ref: 296/109 – BTC 05/02/14).
9. Notification via Councillor J Evison of government support to flood response (*copy available from the council office*).
10. Receipt of the 2014 Barton Directory, with a request for feedback to help with production of the 2015 edition.
11. Request from NALC via ERNLLCA for any comments regarding the recording/filming of meetings. Comments should be made to ERNLLCA by Friday 7 March 2014.
12. Update from North Lincolnshire Council public rights of way officer that the tenant will arrange for the surface to be made flat and level and for the path to be grass seeded on public footpath 40. The area was churned up by the drainage and electricity boards (Min Ref: 289(18(vi))/107–BTC 05/02/14)
13. Contact from resident regarding Baysgarth Park play/exercise equipment (*copy enclosed*).
14. Further letter from resident of Marsh Lane responding to the town council's reply advising he does not wish to meet with Councillor Evison. His 8 page response reiterates his previous questions and seeks further answers to other flood related matters (Min Ref: 289(10)(iii)/107 – BTC 05/02/14).
15. Request from Barton Area Foodbank for the town council to become an Associate Partner Agency. They feel that there are families who do not qualify for help and yet are struggling to make ends meet. The idea is to have a designated person within the council whom other councillors could go who would contact the Foodbank. We would not issue vouchers just direct them to the Foodbank. They have suggested having 2 nominated councillors not everyone.
16. Letter of thanks from Mr Dimoline of Barton Toc H for his recent nomination and certificate of merit for the town award 2014 (Min Ref: 293/109 – BTC 05/02/14).
17. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Tourism Team of market consent application by Wilderspin School for a market at a special event 4 times a year, the first event on 29 March 2014.

Resolved

- (i) Councillor Ms A McCourt to attend the CPRE conference on Fracking (item 4);
- (ii) letter of support to be sent to North Lincolnshire Council regarding Barton Chamber of Trade concerns with 2 derelict looking shop properties in Barton (item7);
- (iii) Councillor Ms A McCourt to draft an ID badge, with costs, for submission to the town council, it was noted DBS checks are not necessary to be a town councillor (item 8);
- (iv) it was noted Barton town council meetings are not recorded (item 11);
- (v) Councillor Ms A McCourt's contact details to be passed on to resident, for him to be invited to join the skatepark committee, also VANL details to assist setting up a community group (item 13);
- (vi) letter to be sent to the resident explaining we had responded with extreme courtesy and respect, Councillor Evison had agreed to meet and would have answered all questions. North Lincolnshire Council emergency plan addresses all emergencies and the flood defences in Barton had worked well (item 14);
- (vii) Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be nominated to represent the town council with Barton Area FoodBank Associate Partner Agency (item 15);
- (viii) the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

316. **Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda**

1. Price received from new printing contractor to produce the Bartonian in colour at £1,700 compared to £1,050 in black and white, per issue. The current issue for April 2014 will be printed in black and white with an approximate net cost of £445. If this issue had been printed in colour approximate net cost would be £1095 (Min Ref: 285(i)/104 – BTC 05/02/14).
2. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Tourism Team of market consent application by Baysgarth Museum for a market at a special event on 7 June 2014.

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3. Confirmation of meeting with consultants acting on behalf of Wren Living at their complex on Falkland Way, Barton on Monday 17 March 2014 at 7.30pm to discuss the proposals for the current factory complex application, together with proposals for the adjacent land owned by Wren to the west of the factory (Min Ref:- 276(b)/102 – Planning 03/02/14).
4. Notification from consultants of Winterton Neighbourhood Plan application, the consultation period will be from 28/2/14 to 11/4/14. Details can be viewed on http://nlincs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/pp/neighbourhood_planning/winterton_np_nhood_area_consultation
5. Notification from Barton Muse of the launch of their first publication “Barton Muse in a Nutshell” at The Spice Lounge on Friday 21 March 2014. Cost is £15 which includes a meal and copy of the publication.
6. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services of proposed work to be carried out on trees in the Beck Hill area on Sunday 23 March 2014, they have made a road closure application to carry out the work.
7. Updated information received from North Lincolnshire Council Emergency Planning following their recent Community Emergency Training Event (Min Ref:- 289(2)/106 – BTC 05/02/14).

Resolved

- (i) the July and November 2014 issues of the Bartonian to be trialled in colour for further review. “Official magazine from Barton Town Council” to be prominent on the front cover (item 1);
- (ii) members of the Planning Committee plus Councillors Mrs J Oxley, K Vickers and JP Vickers to attend the meeting at Wren Living on 17 March 2014. It was also noted the Scunthorpe Telegraph headline boards in Barton last week did not reflect the article details in the newspaper (item 3);
- (iii) the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

317. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £1,287.73 (A/cs 223 to 232), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,513.27 (A/cs 233 to 240). A grand total of £7,801.00.

318. **Report of an Environment Working Party Meeting held on 26 February 2014**

Councillor Mr J Oxley gave report of the meeting held; topics discussed were CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2014, prices for hanging baskets and planters in 2014, arrangements for a Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket competition 2014, purchase of spring bulbs and painting of town seats.

Resolved

- (i) the town council to enter the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2014;
- (ii) the price for hanging baskets and planters from the 2013 contractor to be accepted;
- (iii) the town council to organise a Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition under the new rules and procedures;
- (iv) a later variety of daffodils and crocus bulbs to be purchased from the 2013 contractor;
- (v) arrangements to be made to paint some of the town seats.

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319. **Report of a Community Emergency Plan Working Party Meeting held on 26 February 2014**

Members were advised the meeting was well attended and a number of critical points were raised. Councillor J Evison will be investigating how our plan will fit into the North Lincolnshire Council preparations when a gold response is called, based on the meeting and this information from North Lincolnshire Council he will meet with the council office to update our plan. This will then be circulated to the emergency committee for comment and recommendation that the updated plan be adopted by Barton town council.

Resolved that this be noted for further report from Councillor J Evison when the Community Emergency Plan has been updated.

320. **Town Centre CCTV System**

Councillor JP Vickers advised the system is currently reliant on volunteers from the police to undertake the downloading of requests. North Lincolnshire Council has agreed to donate £3,000 for Safer Neighbourhoods in Scunthorpe to download CCTV data in lieu of the current system. It was agreed to send a letter of support to North Lincolnshire Council. It was also noted the upgrade at the Interchange would be carried out next week.

Resolved the donation of £3,000 from North Lincolnshire Council for Safer Neighbourhoods in Scunthorpe to download CCTV data to be accepted and a letter of thanks to be forwarded.

321. **The April 2014 edition of The Bartonian**

Resolved that following proof reading, to be undertaken by Councillor's Mr J Oxley and Mrs A Clark, together with Mrs J Tuplin, that the draft copy be accepted, printed, and distributed to local residents.

322. **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives**

(a) **North Lincolnshire Council Budgets**

Councillor JP Vickers advised budget provision had been made for resurfacing Bowmandale, along with extra funding for Baysgarth Park. £100,000 has been provided for a Barton Skatepark scheme. Councillor Ms A McCourt gave thanks to the Ward Members for their assistance with a Skatepark in Barton and advised the Skatepark Committee had been named "Inspire Edge" which has a chairman, treasurer and secretary who would be setting up a committee bank account. Councillor K Vickers reminded the planning for this needs to be done within a year to make sure the money is spent in the current financial year. He was also pleased to note a Fake Festival would be held in Baysgarth Park on 21 June 2014.

Resolved that this be noted.

323. **Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

(b) **Community Rail Partnership**

Councillor Mrs D Adlard gave report of a meeting of the BCCRP group to be held on Tuesday 11 March 2014, along with noting the station area had recently been cleaned up.

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324. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from this meeting because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following business, concerning personnel and contractual matters, arising out of the business to be transacted.

A member of the press left the meeting.